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## ***Media Advisory***

**Event:** Concert: Illinois Wesleyan University Wind Ensemble

**Date:** Feb. 2 (Friday)

**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Westbrook Auditorium, Presser Hall, 303 E. University Ave., Bloomington

**Admission:** Free, open to the public

**Program:** The IWU Wind Ensemble concert will feature "Divertimento," by Karel Husa, "Symphony No. 6," by Vincent Persichetti, "La Fiesta Mexicana," by H. Owen Reed and "Ride On, King Jesus," arranged by Hal Johnson, featuring IWU Assistant Professor of Voice Carren Moham, soprano.

**Background:** The IWU Wind Ensemble is under the direction of Steven W. Eggleston, IWU professor of music. Recently, the ensemble worked with John Corigliano, who was the guest composer at the 1999 IWU Symposium of Contemporary Music. Corigliano is winner of the 2000 coveted Academy Awards' Motion Picture Arts and Sciences Award for his film score to The Red Violin. Aaron Copland is the only other classical composer to be awarded this honor.

The Wind Ensemble also has accompanied such noted soloists as Anthony Plog, trumpet recording artist, and Roger Oyster, principal trombonist for the Kansas City Symphony.

The ensemble performs several concerts throughout the year and tours annually throughout the Midwest area. In past years, the Wind Ensemble has appeared at the College Band Directors National Association Conference, and the Illinois Educators Association Conference. The ensemble is open to all students of the university by audition.

### **About Steven W. Eggleston**

Eggleston earned a bachelor of music education degree from Butler University and a master of music degree in conducting from the University of Michigan where he studied with H. Robert Reynolds. He maintains an active schedule as guest conductor and clinician throughout the United States. He has been a guest conductor for Illinois and Indiana All-State Orchestras and Bands and the University of Illinois String Consortium as well as the Peoria Symphony and Champaign/Urbana Symphony. Eggleston also has served as a guest conductor on the summer music faculty at the University of Michigan, the University of Wisconsin, Butler University and Indiana University.

With the chamber orchestra, Eggleston recorded Mendelssohn's "Italian Symphony" and concert aria, "Infelice," in a compact disc project with IWU's music label Novitas Records. Eggleston's trumpet teachers have included Frank Kaderarbek (Philadelphia Orchestra), Clifford Lillya (University of Michigan) and Delbert Dale (Tokyo and Indianapolis Symphonies). He also is a professor of trumpet at IWU.

### **About Carren Moham**

Originally from Oklahoma, Moham has earned a bachelor of arts degree in education from Northeastern State University, a master of music degree in voice from the University of Oklahoma and a doctor of musical arts degree in vocal pedagogy and black music studies from Ohio State University. Some of Moham's music awards include: the Metropolitan Opera Auditions, the Luciano Pavarotti International Voice Competition and the Leontyne Price Vocal Competition.

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